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1. [redacted] the 59th Air Army was composed of one fighter and two bomber divisions. [redacted]
[redacted] is not necessarily the organization as called for by the T-28. The figures placed in the boxes are my estimates of the present working strength of each section.
2. The commanding officer of the regiment (Komandir Polka) is Lt Col (fnu) Shestaev. He is directly subordinate to the commanding officer of the 164th Guards Bomber Division located at Wien/Aspern. He commands the regiment, is a pilot, briefs all regimental officers on the flying tactics for the day and issues duty orders.
3. Chief of staff of the regiment (Nachalniki Shtaba Polka) is Lt Col (fnu) Tyurin, hero of the Soviet Union. He is responsible to the regimental commander for the issuance of orders and the direction of all the sections in the regiment. Sections shown on the attached chart as directly subordinate to the commanding officer are, nevertheless, administered by the chief of staff in the name of the commanding officer.
4. Deputy to the regimental commander for flying matters (Zamestitel Komandiera Po Lyetnoi Chasti), Captain Constantine Balashov. He fulfills directives of the regimental commanding officer and is in charge of the training of pilots. He is second in command of the regiment.
5. The deputy to the regimental commander for political affairs (Zamestitel Komandira Po Politicheskoi Chasti) is Lt Col (fnu) Malyzhenkov. He is administratively subordinate to the regimental commander and operationally subordinate to the deputy to the divisional commander for political affairs. He is responsible for all political affairs within the regiment, leads and directs the work of the Komsomol and VKP organizations within the regiment.

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6. The chief of chemical warfare service (Nachalnik Khimicheskoi Sluzhby) is Maj (fnu) Kalyuzhnyi. He is administratively responsible to the regimental commander, but is operationally subordinate to the chief of staff of the regiment. He is responsible for all chemical warfare training within the regiment.
7. The chief of the regimental aerial gunnery service (Nachalnik Vozdushno-strelkovoi Sluzhby Polka) is Capt (fna) Mazurin. He is administratively subordinate to the regimental commanding officer, but is operationally responsible to the chief of staff of the regiment for gunnery training within the regiment.
8. The chief of communications (Nachalnik svyazi) is Sr Lt (fnu) Golovanov, presently in charge of this section due to the temporary assignment of the former chief of this section, Maj Varabin, as chief of the operations section of the regiment. He is administratively subordinate to the regimental commanding officer, but is operationally responsible to the chief of staff of the regiment for air-to-ground and ground-to-air communications, and maintenance of all communications equipment within the regiment.
9. The regimental navigator (Shturman Polka) Maj (fnu) Poshkovskii, is directly subordinate to the regimental commander for the training of all navigators of the regiment in navigation, bombardment and associated subjects.
10. The parachute class (Parashutnyi Klass) is a sub-section directly responsible to the regimental sturman for the training of all personnel of the regiment in the use, repacking and storage of parachutes.
11. The senior engineer of the regiment (Starshii inzhener Polka), Capt (fnu) Gnumachenko, is administratively subordinate to the regimental commander, but operationally subordinate to the chief of staff of the regiment for the maintenance of aircraft engines, fuselages, etc, of the regimental aircraft.
12. The mobile aviation repair workshops (Parn-1) (Podvizhnye Aviatsionnye Remontnye Masterskiy) is headed by Capt Kozlikin.
13. The senior regimental medical officer (Starshii Vrach Polka) is Sr Lt of Medical Service (fnu) Panchenko. He is administratively subordinate to the regimental commander, operationally responsible to the senior medical officer of the division. All medical facilities of the regiment were under the supporting air technical battalion.
14. The artillery battalion (Artileriiskii Division) was a unit attached to the regiment and under the direct control of the regimental commanding officer.
15. The 240th Aviation Technical Battalion (240 Aviatsionnyi Tekhnicheskii Batal'on).
16. The job of chief of the operations section (Nachalnik Operativnogo Otdela) was temporarily held by Maj (fnu) Varabin because of shortage in personnel. Maj Varabin was previously the regimental communications officer. He was responsible to the chief of staff of the regiment for the training of all flying personnel and for operations in the regiment.
17. The chief of the personnel section (Nachalnik Stroyovogo Otdela), Jr Lt (fnu) Korchngin is directly subordinate to the chief of staff of the regiment. He prepares all orders for the regiment and handles all administrative matters within the regiment.
18. The chief of the secret section (Nachalnik Sekretnoi Chasti), Jr Lt Kolbin is responsible to the chief of staff of the regiment for the logging and safeguarding of all classified documents. He is also responsible for coding and decoding messages.
19. The chief of aerial photography and intelligence (Nachalnik Aerofoto Sluzhby i Razvedki) used to be a Maj (fnu) Kupchik. He was in charge of this section six months ago but has since been replaced by a new Major. He was administratively subordinate to the chief of staff of the regiment and operationally responsible to the regimental commander for all matters pertaining to aerial photography and its application to air intelligence.
20. The engineer for special electrical equipment (Inzhener po Elektro-spets Oborudovaniyu), Capt (fnu) Grechishnikov is administratively subordinate to the chief of staff of the regiment and operationally responsible to the senior engineer of the regiment for all special electrical equipment in the regiment.

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21. The regimental armament officer (Inzhener Polka No Vozruchenniya), Sr Lt (fnw) Grishin is administratively subordinate to the chief of staff of the regiment and operationally responsible to the senior engineer of the regiment for proper preparation of bombs and ammunition for flight.
22. The chief of the club (Nachalnik Kluba) is a Sr Lt. The club was for officers, NCO's and airmen since only organizations or divisions on higher levels have separate clubs for officers and enlisted men. The club officer is administratively subordinate to the chief of staff of the regiment, but is operationally responsible to the deputy to the regiment commanding officer for political affairs.
23. The chief of physical training (Nachalnik Fizicheskoi Pogotovki) is Jr Lt Mikhail Kushinov. He is administratively subordinate to the chief of staff of the regiment and operationally responsible to the chief of physical training of the division.
24. The two mess sergeants in charge of the section are Jr Sgt Fedyaev and Sr Sgt Panov.
25. The special services sergeant (Starshina Polka) is Sgt Aleksandr Smirnov. He is directly responsible to the chief of staff of the regiment. His duties consisted of maintaining laundry service, issuing clothing, cigarettes, etc. He was senior to all the NCO's of the regiment, since his immediate supervisor was the chief of staff of the regiment. He had one helper, Sgt Filip Filipovich Chernishov.

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ENCLOSURE (A): Table of Organization for 748th Guards Bomber Aviation Regiment.

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TABLE OF ORGANIZATION FOR THE 748th

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